

JUDICIAL BRANCH COURT SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Type:	Standing Committee
Established:	October 6, 2006
Chair:	Director of Judicial Marshals
Report Date:	Annually (on July 1st)
Reports to:	State Court Administrator

I. Purpose:

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to assist the Director of Judicial Marshals in the preparation and implementation of plans for security improvements designed to identify and respond to security and safety needs of the public, judges, Judicial Branch employees, and all persons who utilize the services of the Maine State Court System; and to assist the Director and the Supreme Judicial Court in developing policies and strategic plans to address those needs.

The Advisory Committee will

- A. Review the current state of security in the Judicial Branch;
- B. Assist in the prioritization of needed improvements;
- C. Evaluate and develop budget information for support of improvement plans;
- D. Draft policies to support recommendations;
- E. Provide strategic support for requests that require legislative approval;
- F. Make recommendations to the State Court Administrator, the Trial Court Chiefs, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

II. Authority:

The Advisory Committee may seek input, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals and groups within and outside of the Judicial Branch. The Advisory Committee is authorized to study procedures considered by or in effect in other court systems and any other model procedures.

The Advisory Committee may, through its Chair, request such additional authority from the Chief Justice as may prove necessary to achieve the Advisory Committee's purpose. There is no funding authorized for the work of the Advisory Committee.

III. Membership:

Members are appointed for three-year terms by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. Members may be reappointed for two additional terms.

The committee consists of

Two judges representing the Superior and District Courts,
One magistrate,
Two Clerks of Court,
One Judicial Marshal,
The Director of Court Facilities or designee,
One member of the bar,
One member of the public,
One representative of law enforcement,
One Judicial Secretary,
The Director of Judicial Marshals, and
Other members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The Director of Judicial Marshals shall serve as Committee Chair.

IV. Meetings:

The Court Security Advisory Committee will meet on a schedule established by the Chair and approved by the Committee. The Advisory Committee will meet no less than twice a year.

V. Reporting:

The Advisory Committee will submit a written report of its progress to the State Court Administrator annually on July 1st or as otherwise requested.

VI. Committee Duration:

The Court Security Advisory Committee will be a standing committee of the Judicial Branch.

Dated: October 6, 2006

Approved by:

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Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

**JUDICIAL BRANCH
COURT SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

Two Judges:

Thomas E. Humphrey, Chief Justice, Superior Court
Ann M. Murray, Deputy Chief Judge, District Court

Family Law Magistrate:

Daniel Driscoll

Two Clerks of Court:

Rhonda Nelson (Newport)
Terri Curtis (Waldo Superior and Belfast District)

Judicial Marshal:

Lloyd Perkins

Director of Court Facilities:

Norman R. Ness Jr.

Member of the Bar:

Robert J. Ruffner, Esq.

Member of the Public:

Randi Clatchey (Augusta)

Judicial Secretary:

Lisa Morgan (Lewiston)

A Representative of Law Enforcement:

Sheriff Todd Brackett (Lincoln County)

Director of Judicial Marshals:

Michael A. Coty